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1. AWARE OF THE FACT THAT CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM IS REACHING AN IMPORTANT STAGE, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PROPAGANDA MACHINE IS CONTINUING ITS ATTACKS ON THE AID PROGRAM.

2. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO STATE, DEFENSE AND AID WILL BE THE FOLLOWING RECENT EXTRACTS ILLUSTRATING HANOI'S ONGOING EFFORTS TO CHEER ON THOSE URGING CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO THE AID PROGRAM.

A. ("QUAN DOI NHAN DAN" JULY 11 COMMENTARY BROADCAST BY RADIO HANOI, 0930 GMT, JULY 11) "IT IS EASY TO SEE THAT THE EXPENDITURES NEEDED FOR THE SURVIVAL OF SAIGON -- WHICH ARE TRULY EXPENDITURES NEEDED FOR A DISGUISED WAR -- ARE CONFRONTING THE UNITED STATES WITH THE DANGER OF CONTINUING TO BE BOGGED DOWN IN A COSTLY DEADLOCKED WAR. THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL CURTAILMENT OF THE MILITARY AID FUNDS, WHICH NIXON REQUESTED FOR THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 JULY 1974, REFLECTS THIS SITUATION."

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B. (SOURCE SAME AS ABOVE) "ALTHOUGH THE AID BUDGET HAS BEEN

CURTAILED, THE NIXON CLIQUE IS STILL RESORTING TO MANY TRICKS AND MANEUVERS TO INCREASE MILITARY AID TO THE THIEU CLIQUE. HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS NOT AUTHORIZED NIXON TO FINANCE THE VIETNAM WAR AT WILL REFLECTS NEW DIFFICULTIES FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THIEU."

C. (RADIO HANOI, 0330 GMT JUNE 26) "MARTIN HAS ADVISED THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT NOT TO OPPOSE THE POLICY OF U.S. OCCUPATION IN VIETNAM. DESPITE ALL THIS, HE COULD NOT COVER UP THE FACTS CONCERNING SABOTAGE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES. NOR COULD HE PREVENT A REDUCTION IN MILITARY AID TO THIEU BY THE U.S. CONGRESS."

D. (RADIO HANOI 1115 GMT, JUNE 22) "...THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON 21 JUNE DECIDED TO CUT BACK FINANCIAL AID GIVEN TO THE PUPPET SAIGON AND LON NOL ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE FORM OF THE SO-CALLED FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM....BEFORE THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DECIDED TO CUT BACK AID TO THE PUPPETS GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM, THE U.S. PAPER 'ST. LOUIS (POST-) DISPATCH' ON 10 JUNE PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE DENOUNCING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION FOR CAPITALIZING ON THE PROGRAM TO INTENSIFY MILITARY AID (SIC) TO SAIGON."

E. (RADIO HANOI, 1400 GMT, JUNE 12) "...THE NIXON- KISSINGER FACTION ON 11 JUNE SUCCESSFULLY PRESSURED THE U.S. SENATE INTO APPROVING \$900 MILLION IN MILITARY AID TO THIEU. THIS FUGRE REPRESENTS OVERT AID APPROPRIATIONS. NIXON ALSO PROVIDES THIEU WITH COVERT, ADDITIONAL AID."

F. (DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT OF JUNE 6 BROADCAST BY RADIO HANOI AT 1430 GMT THE SAME DAY) "IN THE 1973-74 FISCAL YEAR, THE OFFICIAL AMOUNT OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION IN MONEY WAS 1,126 MILLION DOLLARS. HOWEVER, U.S. PUBLIC OPINION AND PRESS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS ONLY THE OBSERVABLE AMOUNT, SINCE IN ADDITION TO THE ANNOUNCED QUANTITY OF AID MONEY, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS PROVIDED OTHER AMOUNTS OF MILITARY AID IN THE BUILDING OF THE POLICE MACHINE AND THE PRISON SYSTEM IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THESE AMOUNTS OF MILITARY AID HAVE BEEN CAMOUFLAGED IN SEVERAL FORMS."

G. (LIBERATION RADIO, 0300 GMT, JUNE 6) "REFERRING TO THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REDUCTION OF AID TO THIEU, THE MAGAZINE 'FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW' STATED IN A RECENT ISSUE THAT THIS WAS A BITTER DEFEAT OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT GIAIMO STATED BLUNTLY THAT THIS REDUCTION WAS ALSO A UNCLASSIFIED

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MESSAGE TO THE VIETNAMESE -- MEANING THE THIEU CLIQUE -- TELLING THEM THEY SHOULD TRY TO RESPECT THE PARIS AGREEMENT."

3. WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON ABOVE CITATIONS AS APPROPRIATE.
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